

NOTICE ON PARENT INFORMATION CLASS

Beginning January 1, 1997, as required by Arizona law (A.R.S. 25-351-352), every parent with natural, adopted, or unemancipated children under age 18, in any action for divorce or legal separation, must take a Parent Information Class. The Parent Information Class is also required in any paternity proceedings in which a party has requested the Court to determine child support, custody, or visitation.

The purpose of the class is to give parents information that will support the well-being of their children, including how and why parental conflict affects children, how to encourage cooperation between parents, and how to promote and continue meaningful parent-child relationships. Topics discussed in the class include:

- How to help your child adjust to the divorce.
- How to encourage and support your child in expressing his/her feelings.
- How to encourage cooperative behavior with your ex-spouse.
- The developmental stages of children; what to expect from your child based on his/her age.
- Helpful ways to communicate about the divorce.
- What children need to know and what they don't need to know about their parents' divorce.
- The stages of grieving common to divorce.
- The importance of keeping your child out of the conflict.

Unless the court excuses your participation, if you fail to complete the class or unnecessarily delay completing the class, the court may deny the relief you request or impose any other sanction reasonable in the circumstances. After completing the class, file your certificate of completion with the court.

If you live:	Register for the class by:
In Coconino County but not in Page	Submitting the Parent Information Class Registration Form in this packet to The Guidance Center
In Page	Calling Community Behavioral Health Services at 928-645-5113
In Apache County	Calling the Court Clerk at 928-337-7550
In Cochise County	Calling Family Court Services at 520-432-8485 or 520-432-8486
In Gila County	Calling Family Court Services at 928-425-8350
In Greenlee County	Calling Conciliation Court Services at 928-865-3872
In La Paz County	Calling PAACE at 928-669-5565
In Maricopa County	Calling Conciliation Court Services at 602-506-3296
In Mohave County	Calling Conciliation Court Services at 928-753-0795
In Navajo County	Calling the Court Clerk at 928-524-4188
In Pima County	Calling Conciliation Court Services at 520-740-5590
In Pinal County	Calling Conciliation Court Services at 520-723-3077
In Santa Cruz County	Calling Bejarano Counseling Services at 520-281-0009 or 520-313-3476
In Yavapai County	Calling the Court Clerk at 928-771-3312
In Yuma County	Calling the Arizona Children's Association at 928-344-8800 ext. 102
Outside Arizona	Calling The Guidance Center at 928-714-5254